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Annual Institutional Questionnaire on Teacher Preparation: Academic year: 2006-2007

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Section 207 of Title II of the Higher Education Act mandates that the Department of Education collect data on state assessments, other requirements, and standards for teacher certification and licensure, as well as data on the performance of teacher preparation programs. The law requires the Secretary to use these data in submitting an annual report on the quality of teacher preparation to the Congress. The first Secretarial report is due April 7, 2002. Annual state reports to the Secretary are first due on October 7, 2001. Data from institutions with teacher preparation programs are due to states annually, beginning April 7, 2001, for use by states in preparing annual report cards to the Secretary.

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Note: The procedures for developing the information required for these tables are explained in the *Higher Education Act, Title II: Reporting Reference and User Manual*. Terms and phrases in this questionnaire are defined in the glossary, appendix B of the manual.

Section I. Pass rates. (please see attached)

Please provide the information in the attached Institutional Report Tables C1, C2, C1a and C2a on the performance of completers of the teacher preparation program in your institution on teacher certification/licensure assessments used by your state. This information will be provided to your institution by the state or the testing company.

Program completers for whom information should be provided are those completing program requirements in the most recent academic year. Thus, for institutional reports due to the state by April 7, 2008, the relevant information is for those completing program requirements in academic year 2006-2007. For purposes of this report, program completers do not include those who have completed an alternative route to certification or licensure as defined by the state.

The assessments to be included are the ones taken by these completers up to 5 years before their completion of program requirements, or up to 3 years afterward. (Please note that in 3 years institutions will report final pass rates that include an update on this cohort of completers; the update will reflect scores reported after the test closure date.) See manual pages 5 and 6.

In cases where a program completer has taken a given assessment more than once, the highest score on that test must be used. There must be at least 10 program completers taking the same assessment in an academic year for data on that assessment to be reported; for aggregate or summary data, there must also be at least 10 program completers (although not necessarily taking the same assessment) for data to be reported.

Section II. Program information.

(A) Number of students in the regular teacher preparation program at your institution:

Please specify the number of students in your teacher preparation program during academic year 2006-2007, including all areas of specialization.

1. Total number of students enrolled during 2006-2007: 114

(B) Information about supervised student teaching:

2. How many students (in the regular program and any alternative route programs) were in programs of supervised student teaching during academic year 2006-2007? 28

3. Please provide the numbers of supervising faculty who were:

4 Appointed full-time faculty in professional education: an individual who works full time in a school, college, or department of education, and spends at least part of the time in supervision of teacher preparation students.

2 Appointed part-time faculty in professional education and full-time in the institution: any full time faculty member in the institution who also may be supervising or teaching in the teacher preparation program.

2 Appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution: may be part time university faculty or pre-K-12 teachers who supervise prospective teachers. The numbers do not include K-12 teachers who simply receive a stipend for supervising student teachers. Rather, this third category is intended to reflect the growing trend among institutions of higher education to appoint K-12 teachers as clinical faculty, with the rights and responsibilities of the institution's regular faculty.

Supervising faculty for purposes of this data collection includes all persons who the institution regards as having faculty status and who were assigned by the teacher preparation program to provide supervision and evaluation of student teaching, with an administrative link or relationship to the teacher preparation program.

Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2006-2007:
__8__

4. The student/faculty ratio was (divide the total given in B2. by the number given in B3.):
__3.5__

5. The average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching in these programs was: __25__ hours. The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required is __30__. The total number of hours required is __700__ hours.

(C) Information about state approval or accreditation of teacher preparation programs:

6. Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited by the state?
__x__ Yes ____ No

7. Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as “low-performing” by the state (as per section 208 (a) of the HEA of 1998)? ____ Yes __x__ No

NOTE: See appendix A of the manual for the legislative language referring to “low-performing” programs.

Section III. Contextual information (optional).

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this questionnaire.

The Education Department at The College of Idaho, formerly Albertson College of Idaho, is committed to preparing teachers with a strong academic background as well as thorough preparation in the pedagogy and foundations of education. All candidates complete bachelor’s degree with a major in an academic content area as well as a minor in education. Candidates planning to teach at the secondary level normally complete a second minor to provide them with a second teaching field. They then apply to complete a fifth year internship that integrates teaching in multiple K-12 settings with special methods and assessment coursework. Candidates also have the option of completing a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT). MAT candidates complete summer coursework in research design, technology, and leadership prior to the year-long internship. The internship is followed summer work in thesis writing and professional development coursework.

Several curriculum changes were made during the 06-07 academic year. These changes were based on a year-long study involving interviews with students, principals, and superintendents. Standards for teacher preparation programs and the professional literature were also consulted. It was determined that while the program required more credits than many other programs, there were gaps in the areas of assessment,

diversity, and teaching exceptional children. Undergraduate courses in ethnographies, research, and philosophy of education were eliminated to make room of the new offerings. Existing courses were restructured to accommodate some of the content formerly included in these courses.

New courses include:

Teaching in a Diverse Society - This course surveys the issues of educating a diverse population in a pluralistic society. Topics of study include the culture of poverty, race and ethnicity, gender, religion, linguistic minority education models, and sheltered English instruction. Students in this class will document proficiency for Principle 3 of the Idaho Core Teacher Standards: Adapting Instruction for Individual Needs: The teacher understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to students with diverse needs.

Teaching Exceptional Children - This is a survey of learning disabilities and learning styles. Emphasis is placed on the methods demonstrated to be most effective in mainstreamed classrooms. Laws dealing with special education and 504 accommodations will be reviewed.

Assessment for Learning - The course is designed to guide future teachers through the various processes of educational assessment. The relationship among teaching, learning, and assessment will be emphasized. Special emphasis will be placed upon creating, administering, analyzing, and communicating the results of teacher-made tests for classroom application. Interpretation of standardized tests will also be addressed.

Some of the topics included in these new courses had been included in the previous curriculum but it was determined that these areas of study needed more emphasis.

The Education Department conducted a retreat during the summer of 07 to review the conceptual framework and to develop new mission and vision statements for the department. Five-year goals were also established. The mission and vision statements are as follows:

Mission - The Education Department at The College of Idaho is committed to improving student learning in K-12 classrooms by preparing teachers who have a thorough knowledge of content, educational theory, and best practices. The Department works collaboratively with K-12 practitioners, professional organizations, and policy makers to improve the preparation of new teachers as well as to support the development of practicing educators.

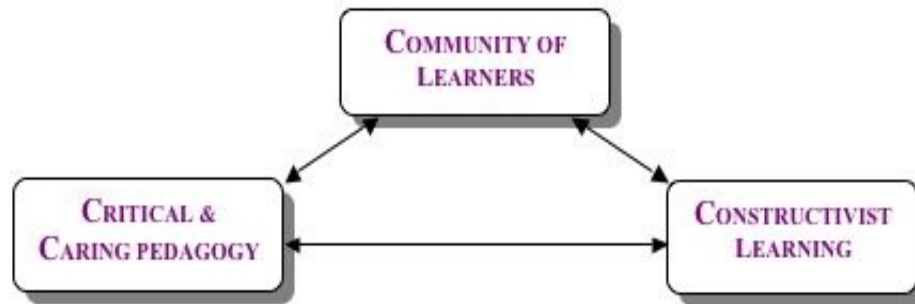
Vision - Over the next five years, the department will act within the dynamic educational environment to prepare educators with a passion for teaching and learning. Educators prepared at The College of Idaho will have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will empower them to operate within existing institutions while providing leadership that will influence the community, the profession, policies, and practices that will have a positive impact on student learning.

Conceptual Framework - The Educative Community including Community of Learners, Constructivist Learning, and Critical and Caring Pedagogy was reaffirmed as a theory base that will carry the program into the next decade.

An Educative Learning Community

The difference between mere circumstance and lived experiences is our capacity to bestow experience with meaning, be reflective, and take action.

-John Dewey



Section IV. Certification.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this report is accurate and complete and conforms to the definitions and instructions used in the *Higher Education Act, Title II: Reporting Reference and User Manual*.

_____ (Signature)

Dennis D. Cartwright Name of responsible institutional representative
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_Director of Education Programs _ Title

Certification of review of submission:

_____ (Signature)

_Robert Hoover_____ Name of President/Chief Executive (or designee)

President Title